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E.O. 12065: GDS 1/9/86 (HELMAN, GERALD B.) OR-M
TAGS: SREF, SHUM, EAIO, UNHCR, WFP, AF, PK
SUBJECT: AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN: SOME
RECOMMENDATIONS

REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 163 (B) GENEVA 314 (C) GENEVA 259

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. ISLAMABAD'S DESCRIPTION OF THE AFGHANISTAN REFUGEE
SITUATION IN PAKISTAN TRACKS WITH A PICTURE WHICH UNHCR
HERE HAS BEEN RECEIVING. IT IS PROVIDING THE BASIS FOR
THE COMPARATIVELY QUICK UNHCR REACTION IN ESTABLISHING
THE ADMINISTRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY FOR AN
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WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE UNHCR AND PREVAILING UPON THEM TO DEVELOP AND EXPAND THEIR ONGOING PROGRAMS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. IN THIS CONNECTION, ANY ADDED INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OR TO ISLAMABAD WHICH WE CAN PASS ON TO THE UNHCR WERE WOULD BE MOST VALUABLE.

3. THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECOGNIZE THE TRAGIC PARALLEL BETWEEN THE REFUGEE SITUATION AS IT IS EVOLVING IN AFGHANISTAN, AND OUR EXPERIENCE OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS WITH CAMBODIA. IN OUR VIEW, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE (AND THE UNHCR) AND OTHER UN AGENCIES INVOLVED, LEARN FROM THE CAMBODIAN EXPERIENCE IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE MOST EFFECTIVE POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE.

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4. WE OF COURSE REMAIN PREPARED HERE TO TAKE RAPID ACTION BOTH IN DEVELOPING SUPPORT FROM LOCAL DELEGATIONS ON BEHALF OF ANY OF THE FOREGOING INITIATIVES, AND TO WORK WITH THE UNHCR ON THE BASIS OF SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROGRAMS IN WHICH THE U.S. IS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE.
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